

27), YEE(ahGalNAc)₃ - SMCC - 5' TTTATAAGGGTCGATGTCCAT 3' (SEQ ID NO.: 28),
and YEE(ahGalNAc)₃ - SMCC - 5' AAAGCCACCCAAGGCA 3' (SEQ ID NO.: 29).

REMARKS

The "CROSS REFERENCES" section on page 1 of the specification has been amended to incorporate the prior applications in the chain of priority. In addition, the specification was amended to correct a typographical error in SEQ ID NO.:8, which was known in the art at the time the application was filed. The correction does not constitute new matter. The specification also was amended to include references to SEQ ID NOs., which are consistent with the Sequence Listing filed herewith.

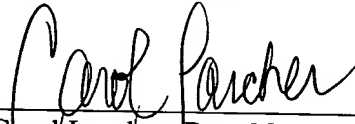
Claims 3 and 30-63 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 13, 17, 18, 22, 69 and 71 have been amended, and claims 72 and 73 have been added, to point out more particularly and claim more distinctly the subject matter of the present invention. In particular, the features of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, claim 3 has been cancelled as redundant, and the dependencies of claims 4 and 5 have been amended accordingly. The dependencies of claims 8-10 have been amended so as to depend from claim 4. Claims 6, 13, 17, 18 and 22 have been amended for clarity. In addition, claims 17, 69 and 71 have been amended to include the SEQ ID NOs. that correspond to those listed in the Sequence Listing. New claims 72 and 73 are supported by the specification at, for example, page 21, lines 22-23, and page 47, lines 15-19, respectively. No new matter has been added by way of amendment to the claims. Separate documents setting forth the amendments to the specification and the claims, as well as the pending claims, are attached.

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Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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